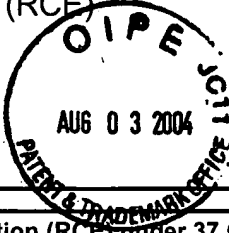


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Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Latoya I. Cross
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The following documents relating to this application are enclosed.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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